

ABSTRACT

According to an embodiment of the invention, a directory on a storage server is scanned. A number of children of the directory is determined, and the number is added to a reference count. A child is scanned to collect information about the child, and the information is combined into a summary of the directory. After the child is scanned, the reference count is reduced by one. According to another embodiment of the invention, the storage server is scanned by an agent separate from the storage server.